

Amendments to the Drawings:

None

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 8-10, and 12-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tomotani.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the limitation of previous claim 11 now canceled. The limitation of amended claims 1 and 12 now include the limitation of said array low voltage control circuitry provides said enhanced low operating voltage V_{ESS} at a higher value than a low operating voltage V_{SS} . As indicated by the examiner, previous claim 11 was objected to and deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 12 were amended to include the limitation of previous claim 11 and are now allowable over the cited art. Claims 2-10 and 13-21 depend on claims 1 and 12 respectively and therefore contain all the limitations of these claims. Claims 2-10 and 13-21 are therefore also allowable over the cited art.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 6, 7, and 11, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, would be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated,
Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter K. McLarty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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